



Please add the following <u>new</u> paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 25 of page 1:

--The present invention is directed to a method for reducing first copy out times of printed matter. To implement the method, a request to print at least a portion of the printed matter is executed. Then, a uniqueness identifier is generated in a host computer, the uniqueness identifier specifically associated with the at least a portion of the printed matter. Next, the uniqueness identifier is compared to a list of uniqueness identifiers stored in memory. If the uniqueness identifier is found in the list of uniqueness identifiers, at least a portion of the printed matter is printed using data stored in a memory location referenced by the list of uniqueness identifiers. If the uniqueness identifier is not found in the list of uniqueness identifiers, the uniqueness identifier is stored and a reference to data is stored in memory pertaining to the at least a portion of the printed matter in the list of uniqueness identifiers. In one preferred embodiment, the step of comparing the uniqueness identifier to a list of uniqueness identifiers stored in memory further comprises the step of comparing the uniqueness identifier to a list of uniqueness identifiers stored in memory in a printer. One preferred embodiment includes the step of transferring the uniqueness identifier from the host computer to the printer. One preferred embodiment includes the step of transferring all or part of the at least a portion of the printed matter from the host computer to the printer if the uniqueness identifier is not found in the list of uniqueness identifiers.--



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Please add the following <u>new</u> paragraph in the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE at page 15, line 6:

--A method for reducing first copy out times of printed matter. To implement the method, a request to print at least a portion of the printed matter is executed. Then, a uniqueness identifier is generated in a host computer, the uniqueness identifier specifically associated with the at least a portion of the printed matter. Next, the uniqueness identifier is compared to a list of uniqueness identifiers stored in memory. If the uniqueness identifier is found in the list of uniqueness identifiers, at least a portion of the printed matter is printed using data stored in a memory location referenced by the list of uniqueness identifiers. If the uniqueness identifier is not found in the list of uniqueness identifiers, the uniqueness identifier is stored and a reference to data is stored in memory pertaining to the at least a portion of the printed matter in the list of uniqueness identifiers.--